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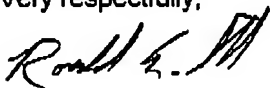
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Dear Examiner Detschel:

In response to the non-final office action mailed March 13, 2007, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 23, 2007 - (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated April 23, 2007 - (5 pages).

Very respectfully,

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Applicants: : Dirk L. Basting et al.  
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

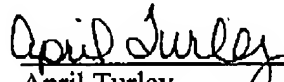
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**  
(37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 2886, Attn: Marissa Detschel, (571) 273-8300 on April 23, 2007.

Dated: April 23, 2007

  
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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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AMENDMENT A

## Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 03/13/2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 06/13/2007, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.